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Weekly Whirligig

By K. W.

Conservatism . . . I am often impatient with members of the first generation because to me there is nothing more irritating than a pattern of attitudes and beliefs which rest solely on prejudice and are quite out of accord with present-day realities. That, it seems to me, is the basis for the hide-bound conservatism that is so prominent a part of our community — a conservatism that reaches even into the Nisei.

So many of the first generation refuse to look forward into the future; rather they persist in looking back to an imagined paradise, the real faults of which are enshrouded in mists of time and distance . . . seeing dead sunsets flushing cherry blooms," as the poet puts it. And no matter how much we argue, we cannot deny that our own actions, based on those beliefs, have been partially responsible for discriminatory attitudes built up among fellow-Canadians.

Radicalism . . . On the other hand, there are among the first generation some individuals whose liberal philosophy and advanced thinking puts even the more "intellectual" of the second generation to shame.

The other evening, for instance, I was much surprised to hear one of our most respected community business men, an employer, that one of our vital needs was a keener consciousness of the trade union movement among our retail clerks. He argued, and convincingly, that our clerks should organize among themselves to escape from the paternalistic system usually adopted by Japanese employers, and at the same time to establish and maintain fair rates of pay.

If the clerks were able to achieve greater independence, they might be encouraged to risk the possibility of ducking in the matrimonial sea. This would undoubtedly alleviate a marriage problem that becomes more serious every year, and the increase in the number of married people would give our community a more settled, natural, and healthy existence all the way round.

Speaking of Marriage . . . I wonder what spark of pioneering is still left in our Nisei girls. Would they be willing, for instance, to marry and go off to any of the isolated industrial towns of the coast and Vancouver Island, where their husbands, as a rule, would receive much higher incomes than is generally received by salaried Nisei in the city? My friends tell me, "Definitely no!" The girls, on the other hand, say, "Certainly, if it's the right man!" Well, what's the matter with all the men?

On The Newsfront

Nikka Exhibit Goes on Sale

VANCOUVER.—All the pieces of chinaware, glassware, porcelain, etc., displayed at the Canada Pacific Exhibition by the Nikka Co-operative Trade Association are being disposed of this week at the Nippon Club, 362 Alexander, from 2-10 p.m.

Many valuable gift pieces and fine art works are being sold in the collection at 20 per cent less than cost, according to the announcement of Association officials.

Compensation for Empress Bombing Victims

TOKYO.—D'Arcy McGreer, Canadian charge d'affaires, said yesterday that Japan has apologized and promised compensation for injuries to crew members and damage to the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Asia, struck Saturday by a practice bomb from a Japanese naval plane.

N.Y.K. Hosts at Reception Aboard Yawata Maru

VANCOUVER.—Messages of congratulation will be heard when representatives of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha will be hosts to a large number of prominent business and civic leaders in the city at a reception to be held aboard the liner, next Wednesday. The ship will sail for Japan via Honolulu on Saturday on the return half of her maiden voyage.

Baron, the Hon. Shu Tomii

retiring as minister from Japan to Canada, will arrive in the city on his way homeward this Thursday. He will be the guest of honour at a public banquet sponsored by the Canadian Japanese Association at the Fuji, Sept. 19, at 6:30 p.m. A career diplomat, and minister at Ottawa for the past two years, Baron Tomii is expected to sail for Japan this Saturday aboard the Yawata Maru.

Ask Ban of Use of Foreign Languages in B. C.

REVELSTOKE, B. C.—A resolution which would prohibit the use of any foreign language in any public place for the duration of the war was introduced with fifty others by the resolutions committee of the Union of B. C. Municipalities at the annual convention here Tuesday.

Nisei Still Refused Firearms Permit

Attorney-General Gives Statement to JCCL

VANCOUVER. — The Provincial Government has remained adamant in its stand in refusing to issue possession permits for firearms to British subjects of Oriental origin, it was disclosed yesterday in a statement from Attorney General Gordon S. Wismer to the National Council of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League.

The statement given to the League came in answer to representations submitted which asked for a relaxation of regulations to allow Japanese Canadian farmers, fishermen, trappers and sportsmen, adversely affected by the restrictions, the use of firearms.

In view of the war situation, officials of the League stated that in all probability they will allow the matter to drop. They point out however that in their opinion there is a very clear-cut distinction between British subjects and aliens of any race, and that consideration should be given to this distinction in matters of government policy.

Mr. Wismer's statement to the League reads:

Attorney-General's Statement

"Replying to your letter of the 9th instant I do not know that there is anything I can add to the statement made by me in connection with the bearing of arms by Orientals. Notwithstanding the fact that as you state there is undoubtedly a large number of loyal citizens among the Oriental population, we still feel, in view of relations between Japan and China, that it is inadvisable that members of the two belligerent races should bear arms, and you can understand how impossible it would be to make distinction between those who are British subjects and others.

"It must be understood that this Country is now in a state of war and its very existence is threatened, and no loyal subject should object to such a small matter as the privilege of retaining arms being taken away. As a matter of fact it may prove necessary at some later time to take even more drastic steps in regard to the firearms of the whole of the population.

"I trust that the terms of the Order will be loyally submitted to by those concerned."

Second Generation Youth Await Military Training

Local Physicians Conduct Medical Tests

VANCOUVER, B. C. — Some 800 Canadian-born Japanese in British Columbia between the ages of 21 and 24 are awaiting notification this week as to whether or not they will be required to undergo military training for home defence.

Orders to report for medical examinations are being issued under the proclamation delivered last Friday by the Federal Government, which covers all single men up to those who had not reached their 25th birthday by July 1, 1940.

In the first age group of 21-year-olds being called up first, census figures place the number of second generation who would be liable for training at roughly 200.

In the second age-group to be called, there are roughly 220, while in the 23-year and 24-year-old groups, there are approximately 180 additional men each.

Physicians Appointed

Local Japanese physicians in Vancouver, it was disclosed Monday, have received appointments as "duly authorized physicians" for the British Columbia Administrative District to conduct the medical examinations.

Their reports to district headquarters will be sorted and classified, after which orders will be issued to the men to report for training.

Camps are located at Victoria and Vernon in the North Okanagan, and men will be required to undergo one month's training.

At press time it was not known whether Canadian-born Japanese were being called up under the proclamation.

Tragedy Strikes At Haney Homes In Drowning Accidents

Tragedy struck with bitter swiftness into three Fraser Valley homes over the week-end, when three Nisei youths lost their lives in two separate drowning accidents in the Haney district.

But a tale of heroism was told in the story of how Minoru Oka, 17, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Umeo Oka, gave up his life in a valiant but vain effort to save the life of 12-year-old Kazuo Mukai from the waters of the Allouette River.

Reports indicated that the young boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otomatsu Mukai, suddenly experienced trouble while swimming, gasped several times, then suddenly disappeared. Minoru Oka plunged into the river and swam to his aid, but was suddenly dragged under.

Picnickers nearby hastily recovered the bodies, but frantic attempts to revive the two boys by artificial respiration failed.

Edwin Yamaga, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Yasutaro Yamaga, prominent citizens of Haney, was playing with friends on a boom of logs moored at Haney. He slipped and fell into the water, disappearing from view.

Victoria Declines Convention Bid

Vancouver Chapter to Rush Preparations

VANCOUVER.—The site of the fifth annual convention of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League has reverted again to this city, it was revealed yesterday by National Council officials, following a decision by Victoria Chapter to decline the invitation to make that city the seat for the convention this year.

At a special meeting Monday night, members of the chapter, after a prolonged full-dress discussion on the matter voted to decline the invitation.

It was felt, according to President Masao Kuwabara, that the responsibility of holding the National Convention in the Capital City would be too heavy for the short space of time remaining and the slender resources of the Chapter.

We feel, Kuwabara said, that the first time the national convention is to be held in Victoria, we should like to have many months of preparation in order to insure its success. With the lack of experienced members able to devote full time to preparation, the chapter feels that it would be unable to give the convention justice, especially in view of the many problems that have arisen during the past year, as well as the innovations announced by the National Council.

Although receiving Victoria's decision with regret, National and Vancouver officers said that they will lose no time in pushing plans for the convention to be held November 10-12.

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THE VANGUARD OF NISEI OPINION

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University Responsibility

This week at the local University one of the largest freshman classes in the history of the institution will assemble to hear messages from the University officials.

It is a familiar and commendable gesture to congratulate the students upon the courage and ambition which has moved them, often at considerable self-sacrifice, to undertake years of study and to subject themselves to the rigorous self-discipline demanded of them.

But more pertinent to our community today will be the significance which the students themselves attach to their university training in its relation to the community. We should wish them every success in their university career; but no matter what scholastic honours they may achieve, we shall not be willing to admit that they have won success, unless at the same time, they have become aware of the responsible position which they are destined to fulfill in the community about them.

Just as we recognize the greater responsibility of the mature adult over a young child, so we must recognize the duty of the able, the trained, the intelligent, to give of these gifts to those less fortunate than themselves.

There is the all-important need today and in the future for men and women, trained in the academic techniques of objective observation and logical thinking, and impressed with the need for long range policies in coping with the social problems that have arisen from race conflict in our province. We shall be willing to admit that University students have been successful in their training if and only if they have become aware of that need and prepared themselves to fulfill it.

Come On, Men!

The New Canadian has been the willing recipient of many a caustic and even doleful complaint. Most of these we have taken and accepted with all the sympathy and understanding we can muster, pouring gallons of oil upon the most tempestuous waters.

But recently we were moved to bitter wrath by aspersions cast upon the quality of our Nisei manhood—aspersions which, despite the overwhelming weight of evidence to prove them justified, we still refuse to believe.

It seems that members of a Nisei cultural organization, organized not very long ago to provide the Nisei with a medium for the study of the stage, are much concerned over the lack of support from young men in the community who have demonstrated an interest in the legitimate theatre. In Shakespeare's day, it was accepted that women's parts should be played by young boys; now, in our Nisei organization, we are much disturbed over the possibility that the situation must be reversed, because there are not sufficient male members to fill all the roles.

To our sorrow, we must admit that many have been the occasions when we have been pleasantly surprised by the zeal of the gentler sex in any project requiring the exercise of mental and intellectual faculties, but just as rudely shocked by the apparent indifference and lassitude of our young men.

Nevertheless, we refuse to believe that our young men will permit themselves to be overshadowed by young women in a field of expression traditionally dominated by men. We are convinced that it is only a commendable reserve which has thus far held them back. Within a short time they, too, will respond to the lure of the footlights, both to fulfill their own impulses and to support a vital medium of expression indicative of the growing maturity of the community.

Folk Festival

It has taken great courage indeed on the part of the Vancouver Folk Festival Society not to be dismayed by the violence of war in their earnest attempts both to bring to public attention something of the beauty and charm of the cultural sources from which our own Canadian pattern is slowly being woven, and to assist in the unification and harmonious blending of the groups which comprise our "Canadian mosaic."

This year the Society has approached the situation from a new angle, and in its Festival stress will be laid, and properly so, upon the common unity that prevails among Canadians of every race. For the members of the Society have grasped the truth so succinctly expressed by a noted sociologist that "Man is one, civilizations are many." They are striving to show that despite the most fascinating differences in cultural background, Canadians of whatever race, are essentially alike.

In carrying out this task they are indeed building the only enduring foundation upon which our Canadian nation of the future can stand. Their work deserves the heartiest support of every Canadian.

GULL

Gray wings for—
He comes from hinge of sea
And sky.
Blue and blue
Skimming the white-tipped blue.
Soaring the cloud-flecked blue.
Brother of vastness, seeker of space . . .
Home on the arc of spent day.
Here is the land . . .
Here is home and
The cool curving down dusk
To rest.

C.S.

Two Points Of Difference Between Canada and Japan

By A. D. M. DOYLE

(From the prize winning essay by A. D. M. Doyle, University of B. C. student, in the Japan Times essay contest on Canadian-Japanese friendship.)

I HAVE, thus far, only stressed the need, or the advantage of cultivating this friendship, all of which is to no purpose without some suggestion as to how this may be done. Trade delegations and tariff reduction can do their part, but there is also necessary the removal of points of difference between our peoples, which exist to the detriment of improved relations.

Chief among these are the indignation felt in some quarters at the China Affair, and the question of Japanese immigration and citizenship. The former is of a more transitory nature than the latter, though I do not believe that either is a permanent stumbling block. The China Affair requires only a more sympathetic understanding, and Canadian resentment as it is probably occasioned more than anything else by our wish to believe that China is a nation in the ordinary sense of the word, whereas she knows no national unity, she has no central control; she cannot engage on any policy of cooperation or conciliation with the definite assurance that irresponsible elements will not repudiate her action. However, I cannot but commend to the attention of anyone wishing to explain Japan's position with regard to China, the fact that he must discuss the situation with delicacy and tact. The Chinese people hold a place of high esteem in Canada and there is widespread sympathy for them, whatever may be their shortcomings.

THE problem of Japanese immigration and citizenship is of a much more difficult nature. The imposition of unreasonable restrictions has been to antagonize the Japanese and the removal of them would be to antagonize a large section of the Canadian people, unless there is first the evidence of concrete facts to alleviate their fears.

I believe the solution of the problem rests chiefly, and perhaps unfairly, with the Nisei—the Second Generation of Japanese in Canada. If, in spite of all their difficulties, they can put the minds of the people at rest as to their qualities of assimilation and good citizenship, the battle is won there. It may be an arduous task, but no amount of speculation and debate as to their value to the nation is worth as much as the continued evidence of their ability to create a better Canada, both for themselves and for their fellow Canadians. Here I would like to make one more impartial suggestion: that, since it is in British Columbia that the Nisei will find the greater opposition, some of them might break their ties here (as their fore-fathers broke even greater ties in leaving Japan), and try to establish themselves a little further East, where they may encounter less racial prejudice and antagonism. There, freed from the shackles of an initial disadvantage, it may be easier for them to win the confidence and the admiration of the people.

I HAVE made no attempt to minimize these two points of contention between our nations. The Japanese may not fully realize the extent of Canadian opposition to their attempted New Order in China, and on the other hand, I am convinced that Canadians, generally, do not realize the amount of resentment that is felt at the immigration restrictions, and the legal disabilities which they apply to Japanese.

I STRESS again the fact that such differences are transitory, that the moral indignation over the China Affair will be forgotten, as the Japanese in a friendly spirit of cooperation set themselves to develop this great and venerable nation with whom they are now at odds. And likewise, I repose implicit faith in the ability of the Nisei to prove their worth to the Canadian public. The Nisei are able and the Canadian public is fair minded. There is a remarkable field—the cultivation of this trans-Pacific friendship—with all sorts of promise of material progress and social advancement possible; but the greatest of these that man may come to understand his fellow man, regardless of race or creed.

★ Letters

OCCIDENTAL CONTACTS

Editor, The New Canadian—Dear Sir: I read the "circulation statistics" in "Sideline Slants" and true to form it is that way. Another thing is that those of us who live where Occidental contacts form most of our daily contacts have a far different outlook from those of the "not-so mixing" type.

In this regard the Isseis could be a help if they would also try to mix. I have actually been spoken to for having Occidental contacts, which they maintained, were a bad influence because it would change my thinking . . .

It is almost heartbreaking how we do not keep up the contacts that we made during school. Only a very minute per cent of us do that. Another thing many of the Niseis are not helping matters by not mixing while at school. The most important time is during High School.

I don't care what but it's only during High that you make any real friendships. The only time we at Occidentals see us is during the class room, and that is not as good as outside. It is also during High that childhood friendships start to break and the cause is obvious and here again the Issei attitude does not help matters any. They say that parting is coming and it is partly their fault.

And so those of us who are in High—it is no excuse to say you are too shy, self-conscious and the like. Go out and get yourself a good book of etiquette and put it into action . . . Don't think about yourself, think in terms of the other person.

Another must in this business of assimilation. You have got to learn to dance, and there are no two ways about it. Some might say that Issei influence will prevent that but I wonder . . . it's your life and you've got to live it and wouldn't be much happier by having many friends and it is a step toward assimilation.

A. Reader.

New Westminster.

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COMMENTS

Editor, The New Canadian—Dear Sir: While I'm at it, I would like to say a word in praise of "The New Canadian"—but, I'm afraid I cannot. I have not been reading the paper as I should be—and therefore, cannot make any comments on it.

But more success to "The New Canadian!"

Sakae Aida.

Victoria, B.C.

Red Cross Reports High Production

Speaker Stresses Economy Of Organization

With the refugee problem in England becoming more and more acute, every activity of the Red Cross must be maintained and speeded up. Such was the message given by Carleton Clay, head of the speakers' division of the Red Cross in the course of his talks on the accomplishments of the Red Cross Society, at the grand rally of the Japanese Canadian Unit at Nippon Club, September 12th.

Mrs. E. Kitagawa, convenor, outlined briefly the past activities of the unit. In the short space of a few months, the Japanese Unit, perhaps the only unit where the girls give up the only free evening they have, for volunteer work, has completed an amazing amount of work.

Included on the list are bloomers, socks, infant jackets, pillow slips, pneumonia jackets, sweaters, and bed gowns. Work is also being carried out on clothing for refugees.

Red Cross Economical

The Red Cross Society is the most economical charitable organization on the North American Continent, for 94½c out of every dollar goes to some one in need, Mr. Clay said.

Approximately 4 million dollars pass annually through Canadian Red Cross, to aid in coping with the refuge and medical problems of Finland, Norway, England, Roumania and France. This year, $10,000 was spent in clothing, food, shelter and re-embarkation of the survivors of the ill-fated Athenia, which was the first casualty of the War. Peace time activities of the Society, in B. C., among many things, include the upkeep of five outpost hospitals.

To raise funds to carry on the work of the Unit, the girls are sponsoring a Thanksgiving Dance, October 14, at the Peter Pan Ballroom. Mrs. M. Maikawa, Miss Hideko Hidaka, and Miss Pat Kawajiri are the conveners.

Mr. E. Morii has kindly placed the Nippon Club at the disposal of the Japanese Unit.

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MRS. JOHN T. McGAY

who is chiefly responsible for the distinguished position enjoyed by the Vancouver Folk Festival Society, is directing the preparations for the Eighth Annual Folk Festival Week which will take place at the Hudson's Bay Store September 23 to 28. Folk groups representing over forty nationalities of which the mosaic of Canadian life is made, will be taking part in an exemplary spirit of friendship and fellowship.

Third Bussei Meet Scheduled For Vancouver

Kiyoshi Suga and Kazuko Kagawa have been named as co-chairmen for the Third Annual Convention of Young Buddhists scheduled to take place at the Hompa Hall towards the middle of November, when the Hompa Young Buddhists Association will play hosts to a large delegation of Niseis from the member associations of the Young Buddhists League.

At an executive meeting on Sunday, initial plans were laid for a gigantic convention the like of which is yet to be seen in these parts.

Profiting from their experience gained by attending the Yakima Convention of American Nisei Buddhists this spring, the four Hompa delegates, Connie Sakamoto, Kazuko Kagawa, Harry Kondo, and Kiyoshi Suga, will be the main cogs in the smooth functioning of the coming conference.

The rough draft of plans will be ready in the near future, afterwards they will be submitted to the League executive for official approval.

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Japanese Room Planned For Folk Festival

If present plans of hopeful convenors materialize, something new in the line of Japanese folk displays will be held at the Hudson's Bay when the Eighth Annual Vancouver Folk Festival Week takes place there September 23-28.

Occidentals who have always been curious about actual Japanese homes may be able to see a typical Japanese "toko no ma" or living room, laid out in the simple, quiet Japanese taste.

Four traditional Japanese folk dances will also be presented by the Ryubikai under the supervision of Mrs. T. Tonogai, of which so far two have been definitely decided upon.

Japanese Dances

One of them, "Yashima Kanjo", is laid against the background of feudal Japan in the days of the warring Heikei and Genji shotgunates. "Harumi Tomotsugi" portrays a Heikei court lady yearning for the life of luxury and ease that has been taken away from her.

Ikumi Yamashita and Lucy Takemoto will be seen in "Suehiro gari" which relates the scheme employed by a servant boy to regain the favour of his mistress whose displeasure he had incurred.

Supplying the musical background with the samisen will be Mrs. Tonogai.

The Chikuyukai are planning to present koto and shakuhachi selections under the leadership of Mr. Roy Shoji.

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TOWN TOPICS

HOMPA Y. W. B. A. FALL ACTIVITY

At their first meeting of the fall season, members of the Hompa Y.W.B.A. outlined some of their activities for the coming few weeks.

On October 13, they will hold a memorial service for nine former members of the club who are now deceased. Miss Connie Sakamoto is in charge of the Service.

On October 20, the club will celebrate its fifteenth anniversary. Miss Misao Taguchi is heading an able committee delegated with the powers to arrange the programme.

The departure of the former president, Miss Yaeko Tomoda, for Japan, has necessitated a few changes in the executive. Miss Misao Hatanaka has stepped into the position left vacant by Miss Tomoda; Kazuko Kagawa has taken over the position of vice-president; and Miss Shima Ozawa will discharge the duties of treasurer.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE

With the Young People's service this coming Sunday, Mr. Takahashi Komiyama will conclude his five months' student ministry at the Fairview United Mission. It has been gratifying to him, he declared, to see such a large number of young people turn out for every service.

For his final service, Mr. Komiyama will preach on "Faithfulness in Stewardship," a sermon based on Christ's Parable of the Talents. It is hoped that a large number of young people will turn out this coming Sunday, Sept. 22, at 11 a.m.

A.Y.P.A. SOCIAL

Seikokai Anglican Young People's Association will hold a social in aid of the Dominion A.Y.P.A. Ambulance Fund at 3rd Avenue Church of Ascension at 8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 26.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this social in support of the country's war effort. The fee is only 25c.

A farewell tea honouring Miss Norah Forrest will be held at the Church of Holy Cross next Sunday, Sept. 22, from 5:30 p.m.

NISEI SCRIBBLERS

To all aspiring litterateurs, the Scribblers Club meets again Saturday evening, Sept. 21, at the home of Mrs. E. Kitagawa. Members are requested to bring their scribbled efforts.

VISITORS TO SYMPHONY

Several Victorians were visiting Vancouver over the week-end. Among these were the Messrs. Taro Yoneda, George Kuwata, Haruo Kawasoe, who visited the city to attend the symphony concert Sunday. Mr. Masayuki Ioi is also in town.

CALIFORNIA-BOUND

Mr. Don Tani of Port Alberni is leaving for Glendale, California on Tuesday, September 17th, via bus, where he will enroll in a school of aeronautics.

BLESSED EVENT

To Mr. and Mrs. T. Miura, on Wednesday, September 11th, a bouncing baby daughter. Mr. Miura is a member of the staff of the Japanese Consulate in Vancouver.

FAIRVIEW ANNIVERSARY

The Fairview Japanese School will celebrate its 20th anniversary on Sunday, September 22nd, at 2 p.m. at the school hall. In the evening, a series of Japanese films will be shown by Shinkosha. Everybody is welcome.

ROLLER FESTE

The Mikado Seinenkai is sponsoring a super colossal roller skating party at Happyland on Monday, September 23rd, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Prizes! Fun! Surprises! Tickets are 35c each and may be obtained from Mikado members or at Ernie's or Tommy's.

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Nisei Urged To Perfect English

As an outcome of his interview with teachers of Nisels in Japan, the need for the perfecting of both English and Japanese by second generation people was urged by Mr. K. Miyazaki, recently returned home from a tour of Japan, China and Manchuria, at a welcome tea-party given in his honour, on September 15th, at 2 p.m. in the Fairview Japanese School.

Teachers in Japan were more than surprised at the grammatical inaccuracies in writing made by Niseis whom they expect to have perfect command of the English language. Among other things, many teachers were of the opinion that Canadian Niseis are brighter, on the whole, than American Niseis. This superior intelligence was attributed to the keener development of intellectual faculties necessitated by more rigorous climatic conditions.

Concerned over reports to the effect that criminal offences among Niseis in Japan were increasing, Mr. Miyazaki personally paid a visit to police headquarters, and found of all the Nisei groups in Japan, the Canadian second generation were the most law-abiding.

Giving his impressions on the actual tour, the speaker declared that Hsinking was the most up to date city in Manchoukuo, with wide paved roads, street cars, and tall buildings. Plans for a vast network of subterranean railways was now under consideration. Mr. Miyazaki illustrated his absorbing account with a series of films taken during his tour.

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Somewhere 'twixt Sept. 6th and Oct. 1st.

Dear Indian Summer:

Thank you so much for the gift which arrived unexpectedly — red-gold, burning sunsets dipping suddenly into the sea at the horizon's edge; the smell of burning leaves; the curling wisps of smoke; the incandescent glow of late afternoon when tranquillity hangs suspended in the air; the sudden flaming finale and the swift merging of colours into a silhouette of dark trees — and the silent purple haze making the world a study in blue-grey monotones.

I've been feeling ever since the day I kissed Summer good-bye at the station. She was looking rather tired, too. [illegible] coming around Vancouver takes a lot of the fun out of [illegible] plexion! I realized, with a jolt, that I hadn't spent as much time as I would have liked with her, at the beach and on the tennis courts.

Not that I don't like Autumn, mind you. She's beautiful [illegible] somehow, I just can't talk to her about frivolous things, like [illegible] summer romances, moonlight cruises, hamburghers, and [illegible]. She seems so sad, as if youth and fun and laughter and [illegible] are childish things. When I try to get really close to her, she [illegible] her brittle laughter. It makes me sad, and lonely, and [illegible] more.

How long are you going to stay this time? Longer than [illegible] I hope. Remember the long hike we planned, and the [illegible] under the stars? You're so warm and real and earthy, Indian Summer.

Lovingly.

Nisei Man About Town,

Anywhere in Vancouver.

Dear Nisei Man About Town:

I know you well. You're tall, dark, sophisticated, and so [illegible] you're quiet, studious, and oh, so philosophical, that you [illegible] moderns believe in chivalry and knightly romance; you're just tall [illegible] unruly haired, with a fascinating line, and a pair of feet whose dance is swifter than the latest tempo; you're not handsome, but oh so down-to-earth and pixilated; you're strong and broad and the [illegible] the baseball team.

You remember me, don't you? . . . the Nisei girl who [illegible] so close to you at the last Tennis Dance . . . the girl who [illegible] you as you made a triple-play . . . the girl who discussed deep things with puckered brow, cross-legged on the floor . . . the girl who [illegible] your companion on your last crazy escapade.

Of course you know me. Every time there is a social, I [illegible] there. We've been introduced hundreds of times. And we always have such a wonderful time because you put your heart and soul in [illegible] the evening a dream for tomorrow.

But, at other times, I don't understand you. Don't you like Nisei [illegible]? I look for you at Night School (I'm learning dressmaking every Monday and Thursday evening), but I never find you there, although you told me you liked drafting and aeronautics. They have marvelous courses, and at such reasonable prices, too! I wait for you at [illegible] Club, and you fail to appear — and it isn't because you're shy. [illegible] can hold your own in any argument. I wait for you to get up [illegible] and show what you can do — for you have wonderful ideas — but you sit in a corner, and let me try to save an evening's programme from tottering to an uneventful close.

O Nisei Man About Town! We may be modern, we [illegible] dependent, but we'd much rather you took the initiative in [illegible] things! We hate to wear the trousers! Yes, I've been guilty of [illegible] you on a pedestal. We've such wonderful ideals about you! [illegible] let us lose them!

Cinderella

Michiko Saito,

Anywhere in Vancouver.

Dear Mickey:

Just a hurried note to say "howdy." How's everything [illegible] way? D'you know, they're calling the 21 year-olds now [illegible] expecting Min to be called soon. I don't know how he [illegible]

I feel almost like crying. Now, don't get me wrong [illegible] but when boys like your big brother and [illegible] services and get turned down, it makes me [illegible] anything, but it's the look in his eyes.

I bought some of that perfume I was telling [illegible] dream. Such extravagance! Mother says. "How [illegible]." Not a bad idea, too, for think how many [illegible] could buy. There's beauty right on the pantry shelf [illegible] think:

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"Any junk, any old clothes, any old bottles, anything old," is the call being sent out to the Japanese Community by members of the Powell United Church Fujinkai, who are planning to hold a Rummage Sale in the Powell Street Gymnasium on October 5th.

Adding their organization to the ever swelling list of Japanese societies who are giving of their time and money to the greatest humanitarian organization, the Red Cross Society, Fujinkai members are making the Powell United Church the dumping ground of cast-off articles — clothing, odd dishes, discarded furniture. Here, these will be sorted out, and made over, to be sold to those who might make use of them.

Monetary donations are especially acceptable. The proceeds from the sale, together with money contributions, will be handed over wholly to the Red Cross Society. The date of the sale is as yet uncertain, but work on this project is already underway.

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22—Powell United Y.P.S. First General Meeting.
26—Seikokai A.Y.P.A. Social, Church of Ascension, 8:00 p.m.
21—Scribblers' Circle at Mrs. E. Kitagawa.
22—Fairview Japanese School Anniversary Celebrations, Fairview School Hall, 2 p.m.
23—Mikado Seinenkai Roller Party, Happyland, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., 35c per person.

This is my Window

by Shinobu Higashi

EACH day at practically the same hour, she passes by my window. With mincing steps and spike heels she patters by and in a moment is out of sight. Today she wears a severe, mannish suit beautifully cut, with exaggerated shoulders and sleek lines, not inferior to a Bond Street model. But how absurd, clashing as it does with the utter femininity that emanates from her slight frame — mocking the daintiness of her every movement and action, making her no more than a robot.

Yesterday she wore a gown of starched organdie in a flowered print, the color of today's sky. And the day before yesterday, a simple peasant dress of kaleidoscopic hue which set off her lithesome grace and agility. Everyday she wears a different dress. Only once, she wore the same frock twice, and, as if in atonement, the next day saw her a galaxy of colour.

She is a dancer—one of the thousands of taxi-dancers that are scattered throughout the cities of Manchoukuo and the Orient. She is typical, betraying her profession by the dress she wears. No matter how beautiful the dress, some detail jars. Today, in mannish suit of oxford grey, with wine shoes and mulberry stockings, and purse to match, she wore no hat. Yesterday, with her organdie gown, she wore a pert hat that marred the pastoral effect of her gown.

But, she is attractive, for all her efforts are spent in making herself pretty to behold. The chaste matron sneers at her, with a disdain not unmixed with jealousy. She too would be perpetually attractive. She too would be freed from the shackles of kitchen, children, house cleaning. Enshrined within the piles of propriety and respect, she looks with romantic eyes at the carefree dancer.

Knowing herself the focal point of all eyes, the dancer walks with queenly pace down the street. She strives for effect and achieves it, thanks to the influence of Hollywood and the countless fashion magazines.

And she in turn thinks of her aching feet, her tired limbs and sleep-robbed frame and envies the lot of married women. She dreams of life cloistered from the impertinent attentions of all men who would claim her body and soul for the price of one dance. She would flee from the perpetual fear of the crow's feet growing at the corners of her eyes. She hates her losing and unremitting fight against age and fatigue.

Every day she passes, symbol of all human aspiration and, with less longing eyes, I look beyond yonder trees, remembering with poignant pain that far pastures always look greener.

Thanksgiving Hop For Red Cross Unit

Thanksgiving! A day of rejoicing—a day to be joyful and merry! A day to count your blessings!

And this Thanksgiving, despite the confusion in the world about us, you will have the chance to rejoice, and at the same time to feel that you are helping others not so fortunate as yourself.

This Thanksgiving Day, Monday, October 14 is the day chosen by the Japanese Unit of the Canadian Red Cross Society for their first social dance. Proceeds of the dance will go toward meeting the operating costs of our local unit, which comprises five groups of Nisei girls and women.

It will be held in the gay Peter Pan Ballroom, with the familiar Bus Hodson and his eight Royal Ambassadors giving their best in musical background for a worthy cause.

Members and friends of the Unit are staging a ticket-selling contest, with a prize donated by Mickey Sato of Scott-Bathgate Co. to go to the person disposing of the most tickets.

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Water 'neath the Bridge . . .

By T. M. K.

Nothing riles me so much as the pettiness of petty people!

A little thing is enough to upset their precious dignity. A fancied slight, an imagined barb . . . and off they are in a high dudgeon. They are so sensitive, so allergic to anything that does not contribute to their precious self-esteem; it maketh me sick!

Yet if you kept tabs on them, you'd see that they are mighty expert at hurting other people. Perhaps it is their way of getting even with the world that hasn't treated them right in the first place. That's what they think. Perhaps it's their unconscious, unadmitted inferiority complex. Undoubtedly this last must be the answer to my wonder. However pettiness doesn't help them a bit. If I were an authority on it, I would advise them to forget themselves, forget that the people around them are bent on "picking on" them, and remember that life is too big to be bothered with the petty ones.

A TOAST! A TOAST!

Loyalty springs spontaneously from the heart. Why does one love and revere one's mother and father, in spite of the occasional cuffings distributed impartially among us offspring? Why does *not* one go about broadcasting to the world in general this love? Why is one shy of declaring it out loud and often? Because such love and loyalty belong to the depths of our inner thoughts, and only involuntarily do they escape to be heard . . . (Am I showing up my Japanese reserve?)

Strange, how we Japanese go in for heavy drama, tragedies, and sentimental "sob-stuff". There is a minor chord that dominates our harmony. Yet, have you ever read or heard that we, as a people, laugh too much? Not a roguish laugh, or an uproarious guffaw, but, just laugh, you know . . . umh'm . . . just laugh. We laugh at pale jokes, we laugh at puny puns, we laugh at banality. Heavens, how we laugh!

And we let the tears run over a play full of vengeance, right wreaking just punishment on wrong and committing "harakiri" on top of that, parents being the stern Spartans over their repentant sons and daughters, love gone "haywire" through misunderstanding . . . (it was "de trop" anyway) . . . the faithful adherents of a lost cause drifting around the country, masterless . . . endless are the sad situations. Then, drying our tears, we laugh because it was so sad. Funny people, aren't we?

Oh well.

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A Tribute

NOTE: As wife of Shinobu Higashi, former editor of The New Canadian, and as an artiste in her own right, Mrs. Nobu Higashi (nee Nobu Ishizaki) leaves many Canadian and Japanese friends and acquaintances to mourn her early death. A talented pianist, Mrs. Higashi accompanied Aiko Saita, noted Nisei contralto, on many occasions.

Many of her friends have paid tribute to Mrs. Higashi in the form of letters and articles of which we present one below. Unfortunately, we are not able to publish all the contributions through the exigences of space.

Nobu was my friend.

Our friendship and love has enriched my life far beyond all worldly wealth. And now my world—nay—all the world of Art and Music and all Beauty will be the poorer by her passing.

We have read with tightened lips of her Courage, but no tribute is worthy of that flame of Bravery which burned so valiantly in her soul, shining in her eyes and in her smile and—in her fingers—fingers of beauty, making Beauty—fingers still now forever.

May that flame of Courage live in the hearts of her friends as it does in mine, for it was Nobu who showed me a new way of life.

Some years ago, I, too, felt my world of standards and ideals crashing about my ears. Stunned, I went south to try to save the structure. [illegible] it lay in ruins. The hours between boats were spent with Nobu in her home. I said nothing of the struggle with Sorrow which I was to face on the morrow, the very thought of which had already begun to [illegible] my aching heart and dim the flame which must light that darkened [illegible].

Nobu sensed my sorrow. She sensed too, I think, the coming [illegible] when strength must come to face the world alone once more. She talked about books, she showed me books, and then at last she read to me. She read quietly and softly in a monotone which was in itself a harmony, her voice a muted viol giving forth the music of Kahlil Gibran's "Prophet."

. . . of Pain, he said:

Your pain is the breaking of the shell that encloses your understanding.
Even as the stone of the fruit must break, that its heart may stand in the sun, so must you know pain.

Of Joy and Sorrow, he said:

Your joy is your sorrow unmasked.
And the selfsame well from which your laughter rises was oftentimes filled with your tears.
And how else can it be?
The deeper that sorrow carves into your being the more joy you can contain.

Of Love, he said:

For even as love crowns you so shall he crucify you. Even as he is for your growth, so is he for your pruning.
Love has no other desire but to fulfill itself; but if you love and must needs have desires, let these be your desires:
To know the pain of too much tenderness.
To be wounded by your own understanding of love; and to bleed willingly and joyfully.
To wake at dawn and give thanks for another day of loving;
To rest at the noon hour and meditate love's ecstasy;
To return home at eventide with gratitude; and then to sleep with a prayer for the beloved in your heart and a song of praise upon your lips.

As Nobu's voice faded I put out my hand to grasp the book. [illegible] was an answer to my unspoken call for help.

I asked, "May I take the book and read it tonight by myself?" She smiled and said very softly, "I knew you would like it."

The next day dawned cold and still and grey, snow falling but melting as it fell. But that new flame had been kindled in my heart, a flame which pierced the gloom of grey and showed the Way.

On my return journey Nobu gave me a copy for myself, and it is here at my side. It has travelled with me wherever I have gone since then, in sickness and in health. It is very dear to me, for in it Nobu has written: "To my dear friend."

Sayonara, Nobu. You will always live in my heart.

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Paldi Parade

By C. A.

On Saturday, Sept. 7th, at the Duncan United Church, Miss Sayoko Nakashima, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Nakashima of Duncan was united in marriage to Mr. Yoshio Kawaguchi of Cumberland.

Supporting the bride were Miss S. Kawabata as bridesmaid, and Misses Nagano and Toyota as flower girls. Mr. M. Tateishi was the best man.

Baishakunins were Mr. and Mrs. T. Tateishi of Cowichan Lake.

After the wedding reception the couple were driven to Victoria by Mr. Harry Tateishi to catch the boat for the mainland, where they will spend their honeymoon.

Our sincerest congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

Putterings . . .

Dan Cupid seems to be putting in extra time in the Cowichan Valley. Two more weddings are slated for the near future . . . Miss Kay Takenaka of Strawberry Hill spent several weeks holidaying in Duncan, the guest of Miss C. Hashimoto of that city . . . Congratulations from the ball fans here to Kaz Suga of the Asahis for taking top honors in batting averages . . . . We're still wondering why George S. was in such hurry on the afternoon of Labour Day. Was there a certain someone waiting?

Weekly Closed Period On Fraser Extended 24 Hours

By Staff Correspondent

NEW WESTMINSTER. — The announcement of an additional twenty-four hours closed season for District No. 1 (Fraser River) was made by Major J. A. Motherwell, Chief Supervisor of Fisheries, last week.

Effective this week-end, the weekly closed period for gillnet fishing will now be 8:00 a.m. Monday.

The general average for twenty-four hours fishing on the Fraser has been poor last week, amounting to only two sockeyes and about four cohoes per boat.

Since the sockeyes are gone for the season, fishermen are depending on cohoes and white springs, the latter selling at the highest price in years at 4-5c per pound. The usual price at this season for white springs is ¾c. Cohoes are bringing from 6-7c per pound.

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Capital City Chatter

After a 2-month lay-off, the first regular monthly meeting of the fall term of the local Chapter of the JCCL will be held Thursday, September 26, at the Gogakko Hall.

The guest speaker of the evening will be Miss Sheila Graves who has kindly consented to present her talk on "Co-operation," which won for her the Victoria High School perpetual challenge trophy, a cup presented by the Victoria JCCL in commemoration of the Royal Visit.

What with "Japanese Time" being publicized by the press so much lately, it is the wish of the executive to start on time, so all members are asked to remember that the meeting gets under way at 8:15 o'clock, sharp!

Vagaries . . .

Our long-lost "Romeo" dashed into town on his "iron steed" and spent a few hours last week. It's quite all right, folks, the "killer" was here on business—positively . . . Those two cousins, **Katsumi** and **Mamoru Uyede** are back home again, and that means that another whaling season has come to a close . . . Notice that wandering hero, **Frank Otake**, is back in the old burg again—it seems that he's going to bury his nose in books for the next half-a-dozen months . . . Say, maybe they have got an attraction or two on the mainland—**Harold Kawasoe, George Kuwata** and **Taro Yoneda** are the latest to make the trip to Vancouver . . . The local basketball "moguls" will be calling a general meeting sometime in the very near future, to get the 1940-41 season started . . . There is some talk of having badminton this winter — be a good thing to bring up at the next JCCL meeting, folks, and give the girls a chance to have their "nickel's worth" of say.

East Richo-Chats

By "Chatter"

Aquaplaning . . .

Just the other day, two of our most popular young men were seen speeding up and down the Fraser River, trying their hand at aquaplaning.

These two, "Dynamite" Tom Oikawa and "Gramps" Onotera formed a crude but successful aquaplane from a triangle gillnet-buoy and a couple boards and were then towed around by two high-speed boats, the "Humdinger" and "Miyako." It's a great sport, according to the aquaplanists, if you can stay out of the water.

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New Teacher . . .

Miss Kay Kumagai was the unanimous choice for the position of teacher in the local Japanese school. She has studied for five years in Japan.

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Mr. R. Kumagai who was believed to be returning on the Yawata Maru last week is reported to be still aboard, and the date of his return is indefinite.

Woodfibre Whispers

Behind Joe Koyanagi's five-hit pitching performance the league-leading Eagles walloped the Cardinals, 5-0, in a sudden death championship game on Sunday.

Although the losing pitcher Tosh Omoto of the Cardinals yielded only seven hits, the Eagles made their hits count in the pinches, capitalizing on the errors of the opposition.

The Eagles now roost as proud champions of the Woodfibre Japanese Baseball League.

Congrats, fellas! We hope you can duplicate your feat again next year. To the losers, better luck next time.

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Headache for Mi!

Basketball Set-up Still Indefinite

Fuehrer Mi Akiyama, hard-working director of the Vancouver Lil' Tokyo casaba league is blitzkrieged. Aspirins wouldn't do Mi's big headache any good, and the first meeting of the mellon-tossing buddies definitely did not enlighten him one small bit.

First the question on whether or not to break connections from the JCCL and establish their own organized body, provided much controversy. There being no representative from the Citizens' League, the matter will be discussed more thoroughly at the next meeting to be held this Sunday. JCCL spokesmen are requested to attend this final meeting before the mellon-tossers swing into action.

Pros and cons regarding the drafting of players from the junior ranks to the senior divisions caused the most heated arguments. If the junior managers refuse to part from their star players, warranted good enough for the seniors, the acute shortage of senior players this season will pull the league calibre down considerably. But on the other hand, managers of junior divisions who have sunk both money and effort into perfecting their squads into mechanized units, find the loss of their players a big blow and stolidly voiced their opinions against this movement. It was finally decided to carry this question until the next meeting.

Senior Division Facing Loss of Players

This year with the loss of many seniors through out-of-town jobs, the senior division seems headed for the rocks. Only Mat-Kawa's and Harry's are definite as to their entries. M & N are likely entries but are now having difficulty scraping the players together. Rumors are that flashy George Suzuki, the fastest ball handler in the league, will don Harry's colors. Hirano and Iman to are out of town and ... shooter George Ide may not play this season. This leaves only tall Tommy Nobuoka, Johnny Tanaka, Ken Fujioka and Baron Wakabayashi left in the '40 runner-up squad. Steveston may not enter a team this year.

Tanaka-Deshima Open Doubles Champs

The long prolonged Japanese B. C. Open Championship Tournament finally drew to a close last Sunday as the mixed duos completed their rounds. The smashing pair of top-notch Fumi Deshima cleaned up on favorites Johnny Tanaka and the mixed doubles honors for the year as they continued on from where they left off in the club tournament to clinch the B. C. Open Championship against Shig Ouye and ladies' singles champ Edith Ikeda.

It was Tanaka's barrage of short and long smashes and the wonderful steady support of club champion Fumi Deshima that subdued the hard-hitting challengers in desperately-fought sets.

Incidentally this is Tanaka's second year as the mixed double champ. Last year he paired up with smooth-stroking Tomi Mizusawa to cop the title.

Replacing Divots

By Jimmy Suzuki

Another Sunday gone by, another day of golf to chew over ... the six on the 8th, the out-of-bounds on the 17th—if I didn't have that, my score would have been ... It's the usual talk of every golfer, and I'm not excluded. All in all it was a good day. The weather was superb, and my game could have been a lot worse.

Besides, there's that matter of a dinner bet I won. Yes sir, I'll have a filet mignon 8 oz., medium done and a platter of french fried. It was good. The check? Oh yes, Mr. Shoyama will pay for it. It might have been the headline on the sports page if I had my way: "Editor Shoyama Fails to Break Century at Langara."

CHAMP IS CHUMP

With no more cups in the offing, "Jackson" Katsukawa has turned to fishing to try his luck. Seems his luck was out 'cause he was back on the golf course for the afternoon round, then proceeded to show all comers "how not to play golf." With dub shots, shanks, hooks, slices and what have you, 'tis said he barely broke 90. A lot he cares now, he's still northwest champ—pardon me, champ!

With days too short now for after-office-hour golf, we poor fellows have to punch the clock for a living must be satisfied with golf just on Sundays. Rarin' to go on Sabbath, we take practically all day to get our game back in stroke, and then have to lay off a week to repeat ... Sometimes you get to feel why in the h——l do we have to work anyhow. Oh well.

Sport SPOTLITE

HOOPLA

There's a menacing black cloud over the basketball situation, and there seems to be nothing ahead but trouble. It'll take a long time before the season rolls along as smoothly as it did last year, and I'm hoping, and so is Mi Akiyama, that next Sunday's meeting will not be a repetition of the meeting last Friday. Basketball has gained great popularity during the last couple of years, and it would be a shame if the petty selfishness of a few should disrupt Mi's good work in organizing a dandy league.

With hopes of snagging some promising hoopsters from the new bunch of freshies, J.S.C.'s headed by basketball wizard Harry Nikaido, are itching to get back on the gym floor again in competitive play, but the thing holding them back is the lack of funds to carry them through the season. They're desperately in need of a sponsor. At present they are negotiating with M & N as sponsors, but that is still unofficial. I personally think it would be a good idea since M & N's are short of players.

GIRLS WANTED

Regarding the girls, the femmes will have their first meeting next Wednesday, September 25th. All girls desiring to play (there had better be many interested, or else ...) are to gather at the gym parlor at 8 o'clock sharp. If the number turning out justifies a league for the girls, plans will go forward, but if the support is poor, everything will be dropped at once.

PAT BALL

It's still a little too early yet for ping-pong, but director "Bing" Tanaka is very optimistic about the coming season. Ping-pong or table tennis, through the unselfish efforts of "Bing" has grown from obscurity to popularity as one of the major winter pastimes in the [illegible] couple of years.

Tanaka, himself a wicked [illegible] er of no mean ability, has [illegible] ated in many city events and [illegible] seeded around number three [illegible] entire city. Through his [illegible] teaching many Niseis are [illegible] making a name for themselves [illegible] local ping-pong circles. The [illegible] meeting will be announced [illegible]

SHUTTLING

Birdmen! When I say bird[illegible] I don't mean those fellows [illegible] take to the air in airplanes, [illegible] the ones who bang the ever-[illegible] iliar shuttlecock around [illegible] whizzing pace. Yes, badm[illegible] will be starting soon too, [illegible] the familiar names, Y.P.S., [illegible] kuyukai, Steveston and [illegible] cona will be crashing the [illegible] lines in the sports page for [illegible] long winter days.

Mat Matsui, hustling director [illegible] the badminton loop does not [illegible] yet what day of the week the [illegible] board will allot the Nipponese [illegible] their workouts. Tentatively [illegible] are being negotiated for. An [illegible] tive meeting of team captains [illegible] being held at 6:30 [illegible] Sun Pokin. A general meeting [illegible] be held later.

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